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New/Updated 2013 National Case Definitions

Hansen's Disease

- Added the line “though these classifications are assigned after a case has been laboratory confirmed” to the Clinical Criteria paragraph
- Expanded the clinical description in 3 of the 4 Clinical classifications:
 - Tuberculoid: added “hypoesthetic” skin lesion description
 - Lepromatous: added “possibly with reduced sensation”
 - Indeterminate: added “but with definite identification of acid-fast bacilli in Fite stained sections”
- Specified/clarified skin lesion testing methods in Laboratory Criteria for Diagnosis section
- Expanded Laboratory Criteria for Diagnosis section to include “Identification of noncaseating granulomas...”

Leptospirosis – Newly added to Nationally Reportable Disease List

- Expanded Clinical Criteria section to include more detailed description of clinical presentation
- Expanded Laboratory Criteria section to note circumstances in which diagnostic testing should be requested
- Added Supportive sub-category to Laboratory Criteria section and expanded the Confirmed sub-category
- Expanded Probable Case Classification to include epi-linked cases (described in the new Epidemiologic Linkage section)

Measles

- Reorganized to separate the Clinical Description from the Case Classification categories
- Eliminated Suspect Case Classification
- Added “maculopapular” to rash description under Clinical Description
- Added “IgG seroconversion” to Confirmed Case Classification, with the new footnote “Not explained by MMR vaccination during the previous 6-45 days”
- Added new line, “Direct epidemiologic linkage to a case confirmed by one of the methods above” to Confirmed Case Classification
- Updated footnote clarifying what clinical signs are not necessary to meet the Confirmed Case Classification

Novel Influenza A

- Added current confirmatory laboratory testing methods under Exposure section
- Expanded Probable Case Classification to include inconclusive test results in epi-linked cases
- Reorganized content so that information on procedure following identification of a novel virus by CDC is now in Laboratory Criteria for Diagnosis section

Rubella

- Added “IgG seroconversion” to list of laboratory tests under Confirmed Case Classification, with the new footnote “Not explained by MMR vaccination during the previous 6-45 days”
- Added footnote, “Not otherwise ruled out by more specific testing in a public health laboratory” to the “Positive serologic test for rubella IgM antibody” laboratory test listing under Confirmed Case Classification